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Salve Regina College - Press Release

Lester Carr, Ph.D.

Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M., Ph.D., President of Salve Regina College, announced the appointment of Dr. Lester Carr, as Chairman of the Psychology Department. For the past four years, Dr. Carr has been Psychology Consultant and Senior Coordinator of Psychological Services for the Department of Social Welfare and Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology at the University of Rhode Island. He has resigned this position, effective as of July 1, to take on this new appointment. Dr. Carr has just been awarded a four-year, \$107,000 grant, as Project Director, from the Federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The project begins this July 1 at Newport Hospital School of Nursing and is titled, "Mental Health, Educational, and Social Grades Upgrading of Culturally Disadvantaged, Underachieving Nursing Student Applicants."

Dr. Carr received his M.A. degree in Psychology from the New School for Social Research with a specialization in social action psychology. He received his Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in clinical psychology, with a minor in special education. Dr. Carr has had a broad range of psychology experience during the past nine years, holding such positions as Special Project Consultant for Geriatrics, New York City Department of Social Welfare; Senior Psychologist at Central State Mental Hospital; Psychology Consultant for a Maximum Security Unit for the Criminally Insane, and Clinical Coordinator of a Center for Emotionally Disturbed Children. For the past

two years, Dr. Carr has been Chief Psychology Consultant to Salve Regina College. Dr. Carr is the author of several articles on the psychology of social action and is presently completing a book which reports the results of a three year project which dealt with bringing a mental health approach into nursing education. Dr. Carr is currently a member of the Governor's Commission on Vocational Rehabilitation. Related to this, he is chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health Rehabilitation, a statewide committee which is presently studying mental health and rehabilitation related state facilities. This is a 60 member Task Force which is composed of such subcommittees as Institutional Child Services, Institutional Adult Services, Early Prevention and Detection, etc. The focus of the Task Force is on implementing a statewide interdisciplinary approach, coordination, eliminating duplication, and providing sufficient personnel and services to effect total rehabilitation - psychological, educational, vocational, and social. The results of this Task Force study will provide an objective basis for legislative recommendations concerning statewide mental health rehabilitation.

The appointment of Dr. Carr at Salve Regina College marks the further development of the Psychology Department. Dr. Carr will be involved in developing an expanded undergraduate psychology program. It is planned to offer advanced study programs in the area of community psychology. A pilot effort in this direction is slated to begin this fall. Dr. Carr

will also be responsible for directing the clinical training program in psychology in the Counseling Center, headed by Sister Marie Susanne Breckel, R.S.M., Ph.D. Upper-level Ph.D. psychology students from Boston University will provide part-time services, under supervision and related to their university training, at the Counseling Center beginning this September. Dr. Carr will also be involved in relating the administration and curriculum of the Special Education Department to the programs of the Psychology Department.

The newly expanded Psychology Department and Counseling Center will be housed in Angelus Hall which is presently being renovated and remodeled for this purpose. Also to be located in Angelus Hall will be the Special Education Department and Headstart.